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FOR SECRETARY FROM BROWN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FRENCH IN IT AGAIN

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR TOLD ME THAT FRENCH EMISSARY
COMCNG TOMORROW, FOR WHAT PURPOSE HE IS NOT SURE.
COUVE DE MURVILLE REFUSED MISSION; AMBASSADOR EXPECTS
IT WILL BE DE LA GORCE. WE AGREED TO KEEP IN TOUCH SO
WE DON'T MUTUALLY FOUL THINGS UP.

2. I ASSUME FRENCH HAVE TOLD YOU OF THIS. I WOULD HOPE
YOU WILL GET THE POINT ACROSS TO THEM THAT DESPITE
THE BEST OF INTENTIONS THEY MIGHT HAVE, THE ARRIVAL OF
THE FRENCH MISSION IS GOING TO BE A DIVISIVE INFLUENCE
HERE AND WE WILL PROBABLY SEE CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE
LEBANESE BODY POLITIC TRYING TO PLAY ME OFF AGAINST
DE LA GORCE.

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